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SUBJ: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY - DIESEL ENGINES FOR CENTRAL EUROPE  
PIPELINE SYSTEM (CEPS)

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1. NATO SUPPLY CENTER PROCUREMENT OF DIESEL ENGINES IS BASED ON SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED BY CENTRAL EUROPE OPERATING AGENCY (CEOA). DISCUSSION WITH RESPONSIBLE CEOA ENGINEER (AHRENS) INDICATES THAT 4-CYCLE ENGINES WERE SPECIFIED DELIBERATELY FOR SPEED CONSIDERATIONS. SINCE ENGINES ARE IN ALMOST CONSTANT USE, CEOA DESIRES TO LIMIT SPEED (FOR MAINTENANCE REASONS) TO 1200 RPM, WHICH THEY DO NOT BELIEVE POSSIBLE WITH A 2-CYCLE ENGINE.

2. SHOULD DETROIT DIESEL ALLISON HAVE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT CEOA BELIEF IS NOT FACTUAL, WE CAN REOPEN THE QUESTION. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DO SO, HOWEVER, IF THE 2-CYCLE ENGINE SPEED LEADS TO MORE FREQUENT ENGINE OVERHAUL OR SHORTER LIFE SPAN, SINCE THE US CONTRIBUTES 25 PCT OF THE COSTS FOR CEOA. STRAUSS-HUPE

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